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Early week prices were higher on extra large and large, mediums were unchanged in all areas except New York where prices were unchanged. As the week progressed all prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail and fast food demand was moderate to very good. Supplies were fully sufficient to available for the lighter weights and close to tight for the larger sizes. Breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower with checks and undergrade prices unchanged. Offers were adequate to fully adequate for the limited demand. Most breakers were adjusting schedules to match liquid orders for the holiday weekend. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Schedules varied from plant to plant. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Light type hen demand was fairly good with about adequate offerings. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was steady. Removal prices were 0-5 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Cartoned egg demand was moderate to good, best for last minute holiday orders. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were in balance to close for the larger sizes and fully adequate to available for mediums and smalls. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the limited demand. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Schedules varied from plant to plant. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	65-74	69-71
LARGE	65-73	67-70
MEDIUM	34-40	37-39
MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, western NY, and western PA		

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail and distributive demand was moderate to good, best where holiday features were a factor. Supplies were close to tight for the larger sizes and available for mediums. Breaking stock offerings were short to adequate for the seasonally light demand. Spent hens were generally adequate for processing requirements.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	71-85	73-77
LARGE	66-80	71-75
MEDIUM	35-48	40-42
NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, northern VA, and VT		

COMBINED REGIONAL Nov 19, 2004
Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	65.00	63.00	41.00
SOUTHEAST	64.50	62.50	40.00
MIDWEST	60.00	58.50	38.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	67.50	66.50	41.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	64.39	62.81	40.17

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	11-23-04	11-16-04	11-25-03
Large	47-55	38-46	100-104
Medium	16-21	16-21	78-82

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-NOVEMBER 22, 2004

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		Northeast	NO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	5-Area Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.1	14.0	6.1	12.0	12.3	54.5
	Change	-3.5	-0.1	-0.1	-5.8	-0.5	-16%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	19.3	35.5	7.0	23.6	33.2	118.6
	Change	-6.2	-0.4	-5.9	-11.1	-5.9	-20%
Large	Curr Wk	58.5	99.1	45.4	103.8	86.0	392.8
	Change	-13.8	-1.7	-13.8	-24.0	9.2	-10%
Medium	Curr Wk	15.0	54.4	15.7	23.0	33.1	141.2
	Change	-3.5	-1.6	-2.5	-4.4	3.9	-5%
Small	Curr Wk	5.1	14.5	1.9	6.1	7.0	34.6
	Change	0.1	-8.5	-1.0	-1.2	1.6	-21%
Misc	Curr Wk	9.3	33.1	8.0	12.9	5.4	68.7
	Change	4.0	-7.5	-0.5	-2.3	-1.5	-10%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	7.8	35.6	19.6	36.1	28.1	127.2
	Change	-14.5	-3.2	-3.4	-12.0	0.0	-21%
Total	Curr Wk	125.1	286.2	103.7	217.5	205.1	937.6
Percent	Change	-23%	-7%	-21%	-22%	3%	-13%
TOTAL		Number of Cases		Percent Change		Number of Cooperators	
Shell Egg		937.6		-13%		173	
Shell Egg Breaking Stock		205.7		-12%		35	

Total Shell Egg 1143.3 -13% 208
1/ Information supplied by a universe of 173 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 20-NOV-04
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,255,972	31,336	11,467	6,173	1,988	4,435
PW	1,262,174	30,599	11,648	6,354	2,133	4,494
LY	1,165,662	30,760	9,437	5,114	1,993	4,077
% CHG PW	0	2	-2	-3	-7	-1
% CHG LY	8	2	22	21	0	9
2004	57,156,114	1,358,116	549,913	297,131	123,698	196,485
2003	53,891,158	1,323,836	486,289	264,497	106,016	192,683
% CHG YTD	6	3	13	12	17	2
			CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST	
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -			WEEK	WEEK	YEAR	
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)			42.53	42.07	42.37	
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)			38.99	38.51	38.87	

BROILER HATCHERY

	Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States	
	Week Ending			
STATE	Nov 13 2004	Nov 20 2004	Nov 13 2004	Nov 20 2004
	THOUSAND			
AL :	29,059	28,956	19,177	20,257
AR :	29,931	30,578	*23,357	22,691
DE :	3,464	3,568	*5,483	4,666
FL :	1,317	1,338	1,615	1,492
GA :	*32,870	31,735	*24,802	25,161
KY :	6,977	7,169	*5,222	5,523
LA :	3,984	3,984	3,385	3,752
MD :	*8,416	8,616	*4,454	5,661
MS :	18,681	19,312	16,357	15,402
NC :	17,076	17,845	14,239	14,743
OK :	*6,131	6,648	*4,718	4,250
PA :	*3,803	3,880	*2,681	2,810
SC :	4,542	4,407	3,530	4,112
TX :	14,391	14,826	10,967	12,115
VA :	6,330	6,355	*5,113	4,759
CA, MO, TN, & WV :	*18,186	17,484	*16,062	15,330
19 State Total:	*205,158	206,701	*161,162	162,724
Previous Year Total:	205,395	204,537	155,123	156,626
Pct. of Prev. Year:	100	101	104	104

*Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 01-Jan-05 is estimated at 149.1 million head. This compares to 148.8 million head the previous week and to 151.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 136.5 million head and the composite weighted average price was 65.57 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR NOV 17, 2004-NOV 23, 2004
LOADS: CURRENT 69.75 FUTURE 84.75 TOTAL 154.50

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	53.00	55.17	52.70	54.44	--	52.00	64.00
GNR W 3	--	--	23.00	24.00	--	--	1.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	51.00	--	2.00
GL W J	--	--	74.50	76.00	50.50	--	3.00
GL W XL	--	69.00	63.58	66.07	58.40	--	23.00
GL W LG	--	68.81	60.67	61.75	60.93	--	35.50
GL W MD	34.00	34.67	29.50	31.33	27.56	31.38	19.25
GL W SM	23.50	26.00	22.67	24.00	19.00	21.00	6.00
NRBS - 50	--	--	--	--	28.00	--	8.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	26.50	26.36	27.27	18.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 20-Nov-2004

Selected Consuming Centers	CW (Thousands)	LW	PERCENT CHANGE	
		LW	LY	
Atlanta	32.5	26.9	21	0
Boston	3.3	3.2	3	-11
Chicago	64.8	64.0	1	0
Detroit	26.2	32.5	-19	-9
Kansas City	5.0	3.1	61	9
Los Angeles	92.5	94.0	-2	-4
New Orleans	6.6	7.3	-10	-50
New York	34.5	32.3	7	2
St. Louis	19.3	18.6	4	-22
San Francisco	24.3	21.6	13	-11
Total	309.0	303.5	2	-6
4 Week Moving Avg.	306.4			

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 20-Nov-2004 BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG TURKEYS			TOTAL TURKEYS		
	PCT CHG	AVG LIVE	OLD BANDED	AVG LIVE		
-THOUSAND HEAD-	PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT		
North East	762	-1	20.69	(A)	763	20.69
South Atlantic	764	-4	31.05	(A)	764	31.05
North Central	2,142	-9	31.96	(A)	2,142	31.96
South Central	437	-37	22.17	(A)	437	22.17
West	570	-22	22.92	(A)	570	22.92
U.S. total	4,675(B)	-12	27.96	1	4,676	27.96
To-date						
2004	202,342(B)			314	202,656	
To-date						
2003	219,395(B)			589	219,984	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 32,000; for the current year to date 2,396,000; for last year to date 2,953,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 20-Nov-2004

	YOUNG		YOUNG OLD		TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		TURKEYS
	Thousands				
Head	1,840	2,803	32	1	4676
Avg Wt	15.80	35.98	24.37	29.87	27.96
Last week	2,403	2,885	48	2	5338
Same wk yr ago	2,076	3,087	37	0	5200
Avg Wt	15.49	33.59	29.64	0	26.34
To-date/2004	81,098	118,848	2,396	314	202656
To-date/2003	88,390	128,052	2,953	589	219984

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 20-Nov-04	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	156,060	1,380	1,501	2881	503
Avg Wt	5.28	3.42	8.01	5.81	6.71
Last week	161,965	1,516	1,534	3050	485
Same wk yr ago	151,254	1,097	1,427	2524	446
Avg Wt	5.25	3.36	8.22	6.11	6.82
To-date/2004	7,230,431	63,169	62,970	126139	21629
To-date/2003	7,111,231	66,012	65,049	131061	19112

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 154.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 158.0 million head, or 3.9 million more than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 27-Nov-04

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	11/27/04(1)	11/20/04
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
Broiler/fryer	129,389(2)	161,742
Light hens	829	1,472
Heavy hens	737	1,456
Total	130,955	164,670

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 27-Nov-04 is 153.1 million head compared to 119.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 129.6 million head or 23.5 million less than estimated available. For the week of 04-Dec-04 the estimated available is 155.3 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/
FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING		MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
October	16	163.4	164.4	99%	5.46
	23	164.1	163.9	100%	5.41
	30	162.5	163.4	99%	5.33
November	6	161.5	162.0	100%	5.32
	13	163.9	159.1	103%	5.30
	20	158.0	154.1	103%	5.28
Year to date		7318.3	7423.4	99%	
November	27		153.1		
December	4		155.3		

FINAL BROILER/FRYER Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 22-NOV-2004 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS	
Chicago	58.00-61.00	61.20	44	63.26	73	
Los Angeles	81.00	78.98	60	74.96	115	
New York	62.00-64.00	63.08	30	64.45	59	

COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

Change from			
22-NOV-2004	15-NOV-2004	15-NOV-2004	24-NOV-2003
68.36	-14	68.50	66.02
NUMBER OF LOADS	534		

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	75-80	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-79	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	79-80	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	70-76	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	70-76	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	72.5-77	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

		Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM	11/22/04	3,885	85,387	62,216
AM	11/01/04	4,173	138,953	65,304
CHG		-288	-53566	-3088
PCT CHG		-7%	-39%	-5%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 22-NOV-04

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	8.5-15 CENTS/LB.	11-12	11.69
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	9-14.5 CENTS/LB.	10-11	11.13

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

LIGHT TYPE Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

REMOVAL COST		
REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	3-8	6-8
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	0-5	

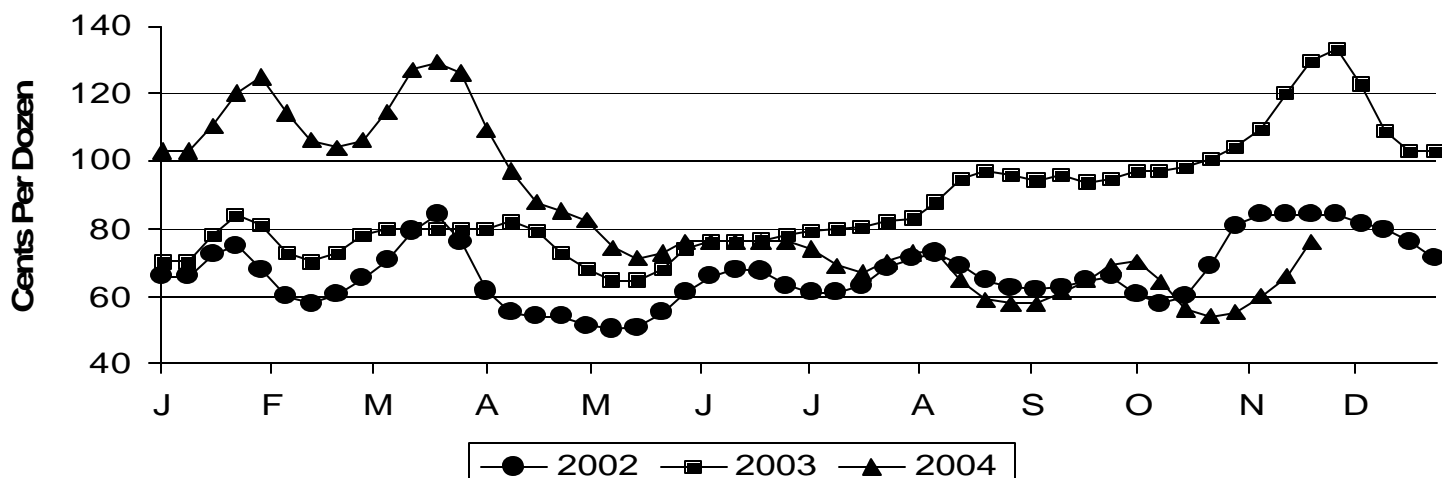
COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts From Producers)

W/E 20-Nov-04	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS		PW	LY
North Atlantic	247.0	-1	11
East North Central	624.2	2	5
West North Central	309.0	0	1
South Atlantic	233.6	4	2
South Central	74.1	-5	6
West	196.0	-2	-6
Total	1683.9	1	3

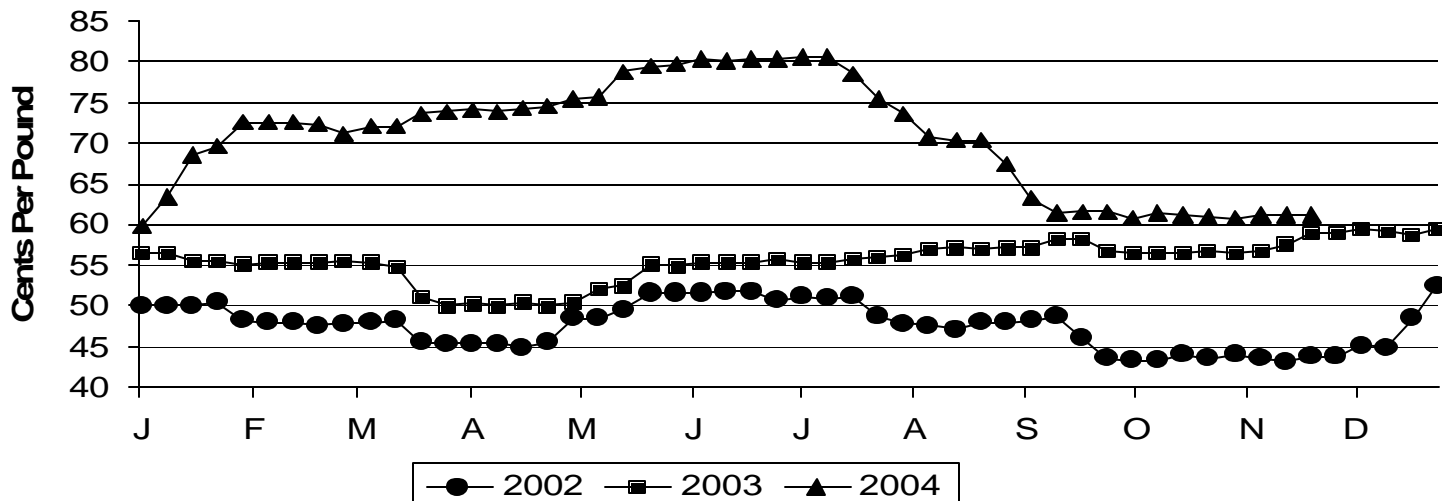
Matched Plants reporting Previous week 86
Last year 85

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)
East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)
South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)
West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

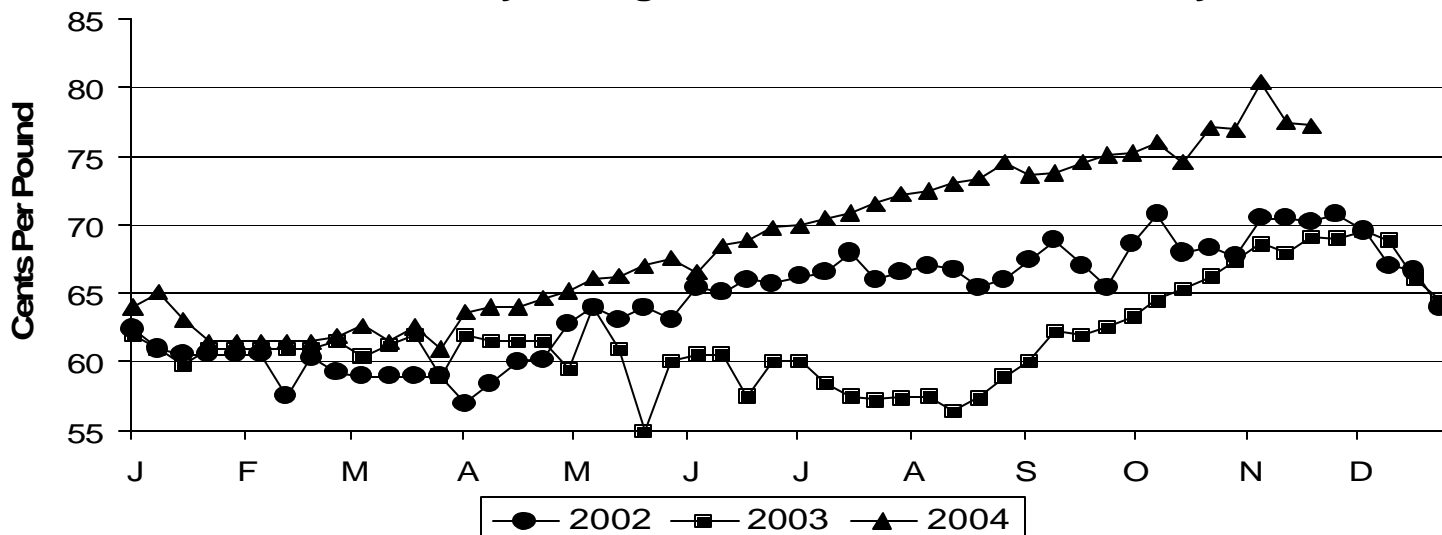
New York Large Weekly Average Price



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices



Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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